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MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Breckinridge, Chief, Review Staff
[redacted] Special Council to the DCI
Mr. Proctor, Deputy Director for
Intelligence
Mr. Carver, Deputy to the DCI for National
Intelligence Officers
SUBJECT : Gregory Rushford and HSC Investigation
of SALT Compliance Issues

I am increasingly concerned that Gregory Rushford is drawing unwarranted and potentially inflammatory conclusions from the evidence he has been shown and interviews he has conducted. Rushford came to our Headquarters with a thesis to prove that the NSC is putting pressure on CIA "to keep the Backfire bomber out of SALT." This thesis is part of a more general concept held by the HSC, which causes them to think that there is a widespread effort, centering in the White House, to suppress or distort intelligence which does not "fit" with a chosen policy objective.


Rushford has seized upon some internal CIA memoranda dealing with Backfire to try to prove that "a faction" in CIA is working in concert with the NSC to keep the bomber out of SALT. Repeated efforts to tell Rushford that what he is seeing is a record of free and competitive estimating leave him unconvinced.

One other HSC Staffer, hearing the latest of these efforts, commented that Rushford has a closed mind on this subject, and "will not be satisfied until someone tells him that Kissinger is directly pressuring the CIA on intelligence matters."

Rushford was in charge of the HSC hearings on "intelligence failures" and has talked at length with Sam Adams. These background factors influence his present mind-set.

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Any high-level Agency effort to try to talk Rushford out of his present frame of mind might well be counter-productive. This memo is written in an attempt to alert those concerned that the SALT hearing next week before the HSC may be the vehicle for some unwarranted allegations about a "politicized" estimative process here at CIA.


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